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1. SUMMARY. ELEVEN REFUSENIKS HAVE RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION WHILE FIVE NEW REFUSALS HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN BY OVIR SINCE MID-JUNE. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO POST, VLADIMIR SVERDLIN, ZHANNA KARTSEVA, ALEKSANDR GINSBERG, SERGEY ALIYEVSKIY, TAT'YANA SUVOROVA, DESDEMONA GEODZHAYEVA, LEONID LIPCHIN, YEVGENIY REYNBERG, ALBREKHT YEHRENFROKHT, MIKHAIL DUBOV AND VLADIMIR ZISKIND HAVE RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION SINCE JUNE 15. COUNTING FAMILIES OF LATTER FOUR PERSONS, SEVENTEEN PERSONS ARE INVOLVED. DAVID OSTROVSKIY RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION IN EARLY JUNE ALONG WITH YULIY (SIMA) OSTROVSKIY (REFTELA).

3. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, BORIS LITVIN, YEFIM SHKLYAR, YOSIF YERUSALIMCHIK, ALEKSANDR ZAYEZDNIY, AND YURIY ALBIN RECEIVED FIRST REFUSALS OF THEIR PETITIONS TO EMIGRATE. COUNTING FAMILIES OF LATTER  
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THREE PERSONS, NINE INDIVIDUALS ARE INVOLVED. CURRENT LIST OF LENINGRAD REFUSENIKS (POUCHED DEPARTMENT) STANDS AT 94 SURNAMES, INCLUDING 229 INDIVIDUALS.

4. NAMES OF RIGA REFUSENIKS WHO RECEIVED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE DURING THE SPRING (REFTEL B) ARE: GRIGORIY GERCHIK, ZALMAN GUREVICH, A. SHTEYN, FNU SHRAGE, FNU

KLOVSKIY, FNU MIRSKIY, AND FNU VUL'FSON. YEFIM IZRAL'SON, ALSO OF RIGA, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED A REFUSAL OF HIS PETITION TO EMIGRATE.

5. COMMENT: AFTER A BAD WINTER AND SPRING, THE LIST OF LENINGRAD REFUSENIKS IS DOWN ONCE AGAIN BELOW A HUNDRED SURNAMES AND NUMBERS SIX LESS THAN IT DID AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER. COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR'S RECORD, COUNTING THE SAME KINDS OF CASES FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME PERIOD, THE PRESENT ELEVEN CASES OF EXIT PERMISSION AND FIVE REFUSALS LOOK GOOD AGAINST LAST SUMMER'S FOUR CASES OF PERMISSION GRANTED AND TEN REFUSALS (REFTEL C). FOR THE YEAR SO FAR, THERE HAVE BEEN THIRTY-THREE FIRST TIME REFUSALS AND TWENTY-FIVE CASES OF EXIT PERMISSION GRANTED TO REFUSENIKS. THE APPROXIMATELY ONE-IN-FOUR TURNOVER IN LITTLE MORE THAN HALF A YEAR INDICATES THAT HALF OF THOSE PERSONS WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN REFUSENIK STATUS DURING 1977 MAY BE ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE BY YEAR'S END IF THE TREND CONTINUES. PROSPECTS SEEM BETTER, HOWEVER, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED REFUSALS DURING THE PAST YEAR OR TWO THAN FOR MORE SENIOR REFUSENIKS. NEUBERT

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